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One of the many exhibits at Open House that appealed to the crowd at the Institute was the W1MX stand. Operating their relay station to the evident amazement of the visitors these students are demonstrating the marvels of the technological age.

30,000 People Crowd Institute As Public Sees MIT Open House

By Donald Eberly, '50

Over 30,000 visitors and friends of Techmen swarmed the Institute grounds last Saturday to witness numerous mechanisms and methods that lead to technological improvements, according to the Open House Committee, headed by Kenneth Brock and William Zimmerman, '48. Over 70% of the ushers and guides appeared to offer their services.

Although the Committee declared its surprise at such a large but well-behaved crowd, the day did not fail to produce the expected odd dashes of humor and moments of embarrassment.

Dip Duck Draws Crowd

Voo Doo contributed its share to the day's confusion and enjoyment. In the first place, the Dip Duck in front of Walker Memorial caused many motorists and busses, carrying secondary school students to the Institute, to disembark at Walker Memorial with the impression that the Dip Duck marked the official entrance rather than Building 7.

Also, reported John D. Little, '48, the Voo Doo Staff Car, equipped with "non-glare windshields and low-pressure tires," failed to operate as was planned. Little said that the rats that were to be used to propel the vehicle were found to be of the albino variety and had to be kept out of the sun.

Incidentally, 3800 copies of the school humor magazine were given away free to Open House visitors to each one who bought a twenty-five cent share in Frauds, Inc. Edward M. Kosower, '48, of T.E.N. and Thomas L. Hilton '49, of The Tech, both declared that their respective publications at least broke even on Open House sales.

Open House Oddities

Brock remarked in an interview that one lady was seen to have three children tied together with a rope. Another woman telephoned Friday night in an attempt to discover how she should go about crashing fraternity parties the following evening.

Otto Kirchner reported that there were no casualties during the day except for a few cinders which found their way into the eyes of spectators.

Most embarrassing moment of the day was shared by those preparing the modern language exhibit. According to Kirchner, a specially invited group of guests dropped in on this exhibit at 12:30 p.m. while the men were still working to set up their exhibit.

Glass Blowing Popular

One of the largest attractions of the day was the glass-blowing demonstration in Room 6-120 by Mr. Wayringer. The room was filled twenty minutes before the lecture began and twice as many people were turned away than saw the demonstration.

The anticipated crowds turned up to view the Van de Graaff generator, the Sloan Wind Tunnel, and the stroboscopic movies by Profes-

sor Harold E. Edgerton. Brock commented that there were over 50 people still watching the latter demonstration at 9:30 in the evening.

Test Kisses

Relief from the regular technical demonstrations was provided by the Osculometer exhibit of the NSA and Professor Douglass' rather informal but mystical mathematical games. Although no one succeeded in ringing the bell in the former exhibit, designed to test the sexiness of a kiss, one or two of the brave couples succeeded in getting "HOT."

WMIT To Present Host Of Guest Stars

"Guests on Parade," a special series of programs, has been scheduled by Station WMIT starting Saturday and running through next Friday. Pat McGrath, popular singer from the Rio Casino night club in Boston, will appear on the first program, which, at 12:30 a.m., is part of the regular Saturday Night Owl show. Then, on Monday, from 10:05 to 10:55, Bob Clayton, disc jockey on the "Boston Ballroom" show over WHDH, will appear, to announce and spin some of his favorite records, and possibly to bring a special guest with him also. Both Miss McGrath and Bob Clayton have appeared over WMIT before.

Other programs scheduled are: on Tuesday, at 10:00 p.m., Ray Dorey, popular WBZ vocalist; on Wednesday, 10:00 p.m., Nelson Bragg, WCOP variety actor; and on Thursday, at the same time, Ken Mahr and Stan Shaw, WCOP disc jockeys. Sally Keith, ecdysiast at the Crawford House, will also appear sometime within the next two weeks.

SPECIAL AND CONFLICT EXAM DEADLINE MAY 11

The deadline for submitting requests for special and conflict examinations this term will be Tuesday, May 11.

Arrangements for conflict examinations or examinations not listed on the May-June, 1948, Examination Schedule cannot be made after 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 11.

Office of the Registrar

Split Senior Week Plans Ticket Sale In Two Sections

Friday Formal Dance Precedes Morss Party And All-Sunday Picnic

Drawing closer to the eventful day, the graduating class is completing preparations for that last of all Tech student activities, Senior Week.

Tickets for the various events to make the last week at the Institute a memorable one have been on sale for two days and will continue for the rest of the week. For the first time in many years the Senior Week tickets will be sold in split sections embracing the two active periods of the occasion.

Split Ticket

The first section of tickets will sell for \$6.00 and will include Friday, Saturday and Sunday events. Monday and Tuesday will split the program giving the seniors time to recuperate before starting the final round of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday activities. Graduation will take place Friday, June 11.

The first series of activities will be mixed functions with the Senior Ball on Friday leading off the big week. The formal dance will be held at the Somerset Hotel, and, because of the lack of space, only 400 tickets will be sold. Saturday night a less formal affair carries the burden with a party in Morss Hall. The after effects will be worn off at an all day picnic to follow on Sunday.

Second Round

The second round for which tickets may be obtained for \$4.00 in unlimited number will begin Wednesday with a stag banquet. Smaller parties highlight the Thursday evening while the great day of cap and gown takes place Friday.

Under consideration at present is a plan to hold a class outing on Wednesday afternoon if it is possible to obtain the use of a local country club.

Tickets for this year's senior week will be on sale all week between the hours of 10:00 and 2:00 in the lobby of Building 10. Prices are \$6.00 for the first half of the week and \$4.00 for the latter part.

Frosh Class Heads Meet; Plan For All Point Program

With an eye towards keeping up the interest in class activities stirred up by the recent elections, a meeting of all the candidates on the Frosh ballot was held last Thursday. Presided over by victorious WBMS slate candidate Arthur Wasserman, the meeting arrived at a tentative eleven point program integrating the major points in all of the platforms.

Among the points considered at the Thursday meeting was the formation of a Sophomore Council. This move, which would necessitate a change in the general class constitution under which all classes currently operate, would set up a system somewhat resembling the present Freshman Council. Each course section would elect a representative to the Council. Class business is to be carried on by three subcommittees of the council: Field Day and sports, publicity and social.

A referendum on what type of affair the class wants for a Soph prom was tentatively scheduled for this spring, along with the choice of date and band. These precautions, according to president Wasserman, will ensure the class against disappointment such as the refusal of Institute Committee to give the present Sophomore class money for a weekend affair. In

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Tracksters Show Dust To Northeastern, B.C. With 70 Point Margin

Sally Keith Is Jr. Night Star

Thursday Stag Party To Be Held In Morss

Two hundred tickets at \$1.00 have already been sold for Junior Night Thursday, May 5, with a concentrated effort to sell more to be made during the rest of the week. Headliner of the Morss Hall stag affair which lasts from 8:00 p.m. to midnight, is Sally Keith, famous oscillating ecdysiast of the Crawford House.



No tickets will be sold at the door, it was announced. Table reservations may be made for followers of Stassen, Wallace, the Red Sox, the Braves, good ball teams, or sex. Sales will be handled by representatives in each fraternity as well as each dorm.

An additional guest in the person of Paul Dean will attend Jr. Night, adding to the list of Sally Keith, "Dizzy" Dean, and "Red" Allen and his boys from the Savoy. According to Paul McNaughton, committee member, "Junior Night will outdo the VOO DOO smoker."

Junior Night will begin officially at 8:12 at Walker with William W. Conant, '48, as master of ceremonies. Tickets can be purchased from the following members of the Jr. Night committee: Paul McNaughton, Ronald Greene, Milt Bevington, Dave Yeomans, Jack Barriger, Dave Hardin, Jack Cook, and Gene Wroblewski.

Organ To Be Given By Class Of 1918

The class of 1918 will make a formal presentation of a Baldwin electronic organ to the Institute on Sunday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m. in Morss Hall. Dean Robert G. Caldwell will make the call for the meeting, after which Dean Everett M. Baker will give a reading from the scriptures and a benediction. The gift will be presented by Professor F. Alexander Magoun, the president of the class of 1918, and Dr. Compton will accept it. In addition to the members of the class of 1918, the faculty, students and students' guests are invited.

Harry Upson Camp, '18, will give a recital before the exercises upon the organ which was developed by Edward M. Jones and Raymond P. Mork, both of the class of '43. These men did the research for the Baldwin Company, thus making the organ and its presentation an all-Technology affair. Following the exercises Klaus Liepmann will conduct the Glee Club in a musical program.

Cindermen boast 3 Double Winners, Place 11 Winners

Winning eleven firsts out of fifteen events, the M.I.T. varsity tracksters smothered Northeastern University and Boston College in a triangular meet Saturday afternoon at Briggs field. The varsity scored 104 1/2 to 34 for B.C. and 26 1/2 for Northeastern. At the same time the Tech freshmen were victorious in their meet, scoring 61.3 points, while the Northeastern frosh had 57.7 and B.C. 34.

The varsity was strong all the way, placing at least one man in each event and making a clean sweep in the two-mile run. Tech's Bud Simpson and Gordon Hunt finished the two-mile in a dead heat to win in 10:20.2, while Harold Knapp took third place and Powell fourth.

Adams Leads

Scoring three double winners, the Red and Grey varsity was paced by sophomore Jack Adams, who registered 16 points. Adams won both the discus and shot put, and placed second in the hammer and javelin throws. Al Dell Isola took the 100 and 220-yard dashes, and Wayne Carter won the high and low hurdles.

In the frosh meet, Ed Guertin was the high scorer, taking three

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Netmen Garner Fifth Straight

Defeat Rhode Island, W. P. I.; 7-2, 9-0

The undefeated Technology tennis team added two more smashing victories to its spotless record last weekend, defeating Rhode Island State, 7-2, on Friday, and blanking Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 9-0, on Saturday. The wins were the fourth and fifth straight for the Beaver netmen, who have yet to be extended by any opponent this season.

A substantial crowd of Open House visitors was treated to a dazzling exhibition of Tech superiority on Saturday afternoon as the Beavers overpowered the Worcester Engineers in all six singles and three double matches, without losing a single set all afternoon. As a matter of fact, none of the encounters was even close.

Kaufman Triumphs

Captain Axel Kaufman, his usual dependable self, started off the victory parade by defeating Howie Green, 6-1, 6-1. Warren Watters, Tech's Number 2 man, was particularly impressive as he overpowered Bud Dember, 6-1, 6-0; while Earl Ruhlig didn't drop a game in downing Ed Nahikian of the Crimson and Grey, 6-0, 6-0. Gary Colton almost duplicated Ruhlig's feat as he defeated Al Howe, 6-0, 6-1; Amos Roberts was extended in the first set but finally overcame Russ King, 7-5, 6-2; to round out the singles play, Gard Bent won easily over Fred Bessellievre, 6-1, 6-0.

In the doubles competition, Kaufman and Watters, Tech's ace doubles team, defeated Green and Dember, 6-2, 6-2; Gary Collins and Hank Eckardt collaborated to beat Nahikian and King, 6-1, 6-3; finally, Bent and Lynn Sackett completed Tech's sweep by downing Howe and Bessellievre, 6-1, 6-0.

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POST MORTEM: OPEN HOUSE

The first post-war Open House is over and the results, on the whole, are pleasing. The Undergraduate Open House Committee is to be congratulated for a difficult job well-done, and any mistakes can probably be blamed on the fact that there were no students with experience from the past Open House days.

The exhibits were well varied with fine emphasis on the activity as well as science and engineering aspects of the Institute. It seems unfortunate, however, that there was so much to see; and the students themselves, the most interested spectators, afforded for the first time the opportunity of seeing all the phases of Technology at work, were for the most part too busy to see any great part of the exhibits. Even with a whole day to walk around it was impossible to see all.

As far as the execution of the details of the Open House the system of guides and ushers drew favorable comment from all sides, especially from employees of the Institute who at past Open Houses seemed to have carried the brunt of the job of information and guidance. Concerning the scientific exhibits, opinion seems to be divided; certainly every effort was made to bring these down to the level of the average layman; whether this was accomplished to any great degree probably won't be answered until it is seen what kind of a reception the next open house is accorded in the community.

The main difficulty seemed to be in distributing people to the various buildings in the Institute. However, it is to be expected that the wind tunnel and atomic exhibits would draw the biggest crowds, and some other less spectacular exhibits off the beaten pass should suffer.

All in all Open House was a success; hitches developed and mistakes were made, but the Committee is no doubt more aware of these than we are and the future will see improvements made where they are needed.

LET'S BUILD

Saturday's Open House again brought home the fact to us that Technology has a vital need for a large auditorium. There was no admittance at most of the big lectures because no hall here holds more than five hundred people. With the millions of dollars being spent for buildings ranging from libraries to baseball cages, the construction of a large auditorium should be given a high place on the list of the necessary additions to the Institute educational plant.

Activity Briefs

A.S.M.E.

Professor C. R. Soderberg, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, will lecture on "Professional Development of the Young Mechanical Engineer" on Tuesday, May 4, at 5:00 p.m., in Room 1-190. The Institute branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will hold their elections after the lecture.

A.I.E.E.—I.R.E.

On Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m., a movie of interest to Course II and Course VI men will be shown today.

Letters to the Editor

OPEN HOUSE

To the Student Body:

Open House is now past, and some 30,000 people have had a chance to see Technology in action: to get an impression of the school and of the people in it. Their impression, we are told, was a good one. The exhibits were well planned and well presented. Visitors received programs and personal information, and were shunted courteously about the 6 tours which covered our maze of buildings.

All this was possible only through the combined efforts of the more than 1000 exhibitors, the 750 ushers and guides, and the 100-odd others who gave generously of their time and efforts. We, on the committee, want to thank each of you for your fine work and wish it were possible to do so in person; for, if the day was a success, it was due solely to your combined contributions.

For the Open House Committee

Ken Brock '48

Bill Zimmerman '48

Stratton Prize Committee Gives Schedule Of Runoffs

The committee for the Stratton Prize has announced that the semi-finals elimination round will be held in two sections, the first on Wednesday, May 5, at 3:00 p.m. and the second on Wednesday, May 12, at the same time. Both will be held in the Moore Room. The finals will take place in Room 6-120 on Wednesday, May 19, at 3:00 p.m.

Awarded to writers of papers on non-technical subjects, the Stratton Prize carries a first place prize of \$100 and five additional prizes totaling \$100. The writers are limited to fifteen minutes for the presentation of their papers in the eliminations.

The committee is composed of Professor Keenan, chairman, Dean Baker, and Professors Burchard and Mahoney.

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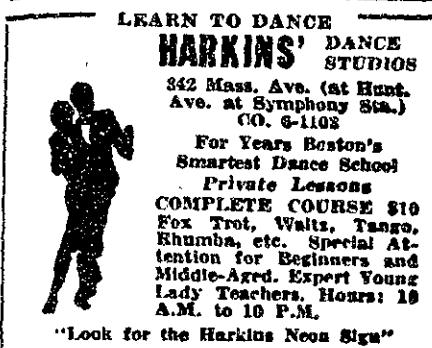
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Frosh Class

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addition, a series of smokers, small parties and sports nights are being planned in order to keep the class unified throughout the year.

Also, an attempt will be made to have all the candidates attend Freshman camp in order to let the incoming class know the innovations initiated by '51 and perhaps increase class interest and school spirit among the '52 men.



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With the regular schedule of the Intramural Softball Tournament only two weeks from completion, a look at the results so far shows that the championship of none of the eight leagues is decided.

The leaders of seven of the leagues have each a record of two wins and no losses. They are: Westgate, League I; Theta Chi, League III; Kappa Sigma, League IV; Phi Sigma Kappa, League V; 5:15 Club, League VI; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, League VII; and Delta Kappa Epsilon, Bemis, and Delta Tau Delta, all tied in League VIII.

The co-leaders in League II are Theta Delta Chi and Wood which have one victory and no defeats each. Wood so far has shown the best defense since they allowed the opposition no runs in their only game thus far. Another good defensive team is Phi Sigma Kappa which has allowed only three runs in two games.

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of the Beavers' four firsts. Guertin scored 18 points by winning the shot put, hammer throw and discus. Dan Mangus took the other first for the freshmen with a 2:05.5 effort in the 880-yard run.

VARSITY

Hammer Throw—Won by Murphy (MIT); 2, Adams (MIT); 3, Soderburg (MIT); 4, West (NU). Distance, 147 ft. 10 in.
High Jump—Won by Willets (NU); 2, Roth (MIT); 3, Howitt (MIT); 4, Gilmore (BC). Height, 6 ft. 1 in.
Pole Vault—Won by Willets (MIT); 2, Ashford (MIT); 3, Jones (MIT); 4, Randolph (NU). Height, 11 ft.
High Hurdles—Won by Carter (MIT); 2, Greenham (BC); 3, Whitney (MIT); 4, Dono (BC). Time, 15.7s.
Shot Put—Won by Adams (MIT); 2, Willets (NU); 3, Joachim (BC); 4, Soderburg (MIT). Dist., 41 ft. 6 1/2 in.
100-Yard Dash—Won by Dell Isola (MIT); 2, King (BC); 3, Moran (BC); 4, Martin (NU). Time, 10.4s.
One-Mile Run—Won by Henze (MIT); 2, Kenyon (NU); 3, Lobo (MIT); 4, Holland (MIT). Time, 4:32.7.
Broad Jump—Won by Willets (NU); 2, Roth (MIT); 3, Whitney (MIT); 4, McAuliffe (BC). Dist., 20 ft. 1 1/2 in.
440-Yard Relay—Won by Ingraham (MIT); 2, Wagner (MIT); 3, Howling (BC); 4, McMullan (MIT). Time, 51.3.
Two-Mile Run—Tie between Simpson and Hunt (MIT); 3, Knapp (MIT); 4, Powell (MIT). Time, 16:20.2.
Discus Throw—Won by Adams (MIT); 2, Willets (NU); 3, West (NU); 4, Joachim (BC). Distance, 121 ft. 11 in.
Low Hurdles—Won by Carter (MIT); 2, Greenham (BC); 3, Howitt (MIT); 4, McAuliffe (BC). Time, 24.5 sec.
880-Yard Run—Won by Taylor (BC); 2, Cleworth (MIT); 3, Vitagliano (MIT); 4, Calhoun (MIT). Time, 1:59.5.
Javelin Throw—Won by Garrity (BC); 2, Adams (MIT); 3, Willette (NU); 4, Dempsey (BC). Distance, 163 ft. 1 in.
220-Yard Dash—Won by Dell Isola (MIT); 2, Ingraham (MIT); 3, King (BC); 4, Moran (BC). Time, 22.6 sec.

Frosh, Jayvee Oarsmen Win In Weekend Races

With an amazing freshman triumph over Cornell and Harvard, and a jayvee victory at Syracuse, Technology crewmen carried away two wins in five races last Saturday afternoon. The varsity and jayvee crews competed over a two-mile course on Onondaga Lake at Syracuse University against Rutgers and Syracuse, while the freshman heavies and the varsity and frosh lights battled Harvard and Cornell crews on the Charles.

Tech Sailors Beat Harvard On Basin

Tech's sailors were victorious in a varsity team race with Harvard by a score of 57-51 last Thursday afternoon. As the wind varied from 0 to 4 or 5 miles an hour and shifted as much as 60 degrees at a time, it was very difficult to predict what course to sail to the next buoy. As a result, one boat might be completely dead in the water, while another, only twenty feet away, would be moving under full way.

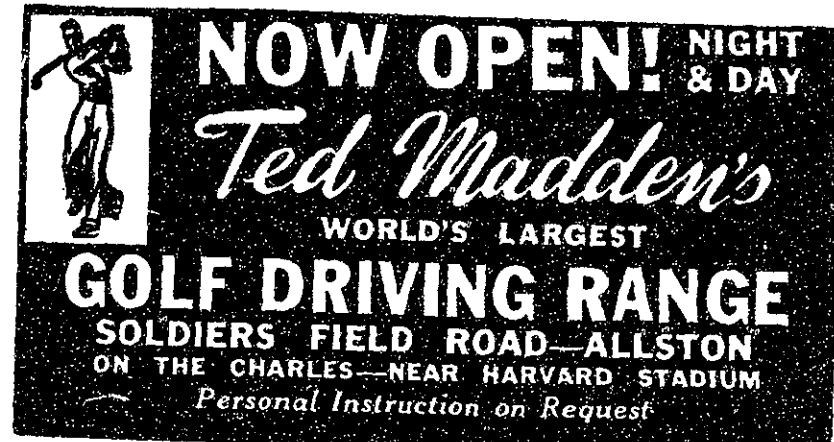
John Lawson of Tech, skillfully taking advantage of every wind streak and shift, sailed first across the finish line in three out of the four races to capture high point honors for the day with a total of 25 points.

Tech's varsity eight at Syracuse was the same crew that rowed jayvee at Princeton the week before, except for number-two man John Banks, who retained his initial varsity post. Rowing against a moderate head wind the reshuffled crew took second to Syracuse by a length and three-quarters, while outdistancing Rutgers by a four-length margin.

Once again demonstrating Tech's ability to field two crews of equal strength, the Beaver jayvees stroked to a two and a half length victory over Syracuse in a time within one second of the varsity clocking.

But high spot of the two afternoon regattas was the M.I.T. freshman victory over Cornell and Harvard on the Charles. Trailing at the start, the Tech yearlings maintained a smooth and powerful stroke to eclipse Cornell by two lengths and leave Harvard far to the rear. The varsity and freshman 150-pound crews both lost to Harvard, by one and one-quarter, and one length, respectively.

M.I.T. Boatings
Varsity—Stroke, John Saxe; 7, Bill Reynolds; 6, Harold Bjerke; 5, Max Lebowitz; 4, Pete Lehner; 3, Mob Silberman; 2, John Banks; bow, Bill Howlett; coxswain, Don Jenkins.
Junior Varsity—Stroke, John Rudolf; 7, Al Pendleton; 6, Bob Weber; 5, Herb Frankel; 4, Frank Marran; 3, Andy Pfefferberger; 2, Dick Keller; bow, Paul Gerhardt; coxswain, Bill Grant.
Freshman—Stroke, Bill Benfer; 7, Breene Kerr; 6, Paul Smith; 5, Roger Schonewald; 4, Tom Trimble; 3, Forest Monkman; 2, Allan Fonda; bow, George Underwood; coxswain, Bob Rothen.



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Triad Ball a Big Success

Open House weekend found the fraternities giving many fine parties. Most outstanding was the long awaited Miami Triad Formal given by the Betas, Sigma Chis, and Phi Delt in celebration of their founding at Miami University. The party's success was assured by a very danceable band, Brad Kent's, a glamorous setting, the Somerset Hotel's Louis XIV Room, and first rate intermission entertainment by Nan Blackstone and her accompanying pianist. During her routine the Belle's songs went from naughty to worse, and the audience response from good to better. Preceding the dance the triad fraternities held separate banquets. The extensive planning for the affair was very much in the hands of Russ Law, Beta, Jack Lumis, Sigma Chi, and Bill Meckert, Phi Delt. Assisting were the social chairmen of the three fraternities, Dick Mathews, Buff Marx, and Ed Walz.

SAE's Came As They Were

The theme was "Come As You Are," and come as they were did in everything from pajamas to tuxedos. The house at 484 Beacon was well decorated with a gigantic painting of a telephone on the outside and many varied colored lighting effects on the inside. Voo Doo artist Van Hare exhibited some of his private collection in the back rooms. During the intermission station "WSAE" went on the air featuring Coop McCarthy emceeing the "Midnight Bandwagon" and the "WSAE" studio orchestra. Social chairman Lynn Newton planned the party and signed Stan Harris for the band.

Kappa Sigs Play Roulette

Spinning the wheels, passing the dice, and bathing in bathtub gin were the Kappa Sigs and their guests last Saturday night in the Club Thirty-Three Speakeasy. The house broke even on the blackjack table, but lost heavily on roulette and gin. A band and sometimes a hot piano player furnished the music. Ike Foster was the chief croupier and decorator.

Potty Time

Next Saturday night will be the occasion for at least three bid parties. The Dekes will be costumed for their annual Gay Nineties Party. Plans for entertainment have been kept secret. The Phi Delt will escort their dates through the very gates of Hell for their annual Hell Dance. Guests will come as someone they expect to find way down below. The Lambda Chi Alphas will take their guests "Around The World" in their spring bid party.

Two Cars Stolen From Sr. House Lot

The poorly lit parking lot behind the Senior House was the scene of a nearly successful auto theft last Thursday night as David Cist, Dormitory Committee Chairman, lost his '48 Mercury convertible for a night. Thieves entered the car by forcing a vent window, breaking

the wheel lock and crossing the ignition, and drove the car off sometime between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m.

Cist discovered his car missing about 9:00 p.m., and immediately informed the Cambridge Police. In the meantime, the car was seen speeding through Waltham by an alert patrolman in a traffic booth. The policeman reported it as a speeder and sent the report back to Cambridge.

The car was located by the police soon after, abandoned in a deserted Waltham side street and was returned by the police Friday morning.

Cist stated that he had been attempting to get the lot lighted for some time now on behalf of the Dormitory Committee as several other attempts at theft have been reported there.

Late Sunday night several stu-

dents discovered a thief making getaway with the '48 Ford belonging to John Benjamin, '48.

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